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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)**

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TITLE:	FEEDBACK COMPENSATION FOR HEARING DEVICES WITH SYSTEM DISTANCE ESTIMATION		

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination be made of the references identified on the attached PTO SB08 in regard to the above-identified application for United States Patent. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies, under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counter part foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. The information was cited in a European Search Report dated January 23, 2008.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2), Applicant hereby encloses the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) of \$180.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 50-1519.

### REMARKS

The attached PTO/SB/08 form lists related art references for the above identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), no copies of the U.S. patent documents are being supplied herewith, but will be provided upon request.

### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AE, and AF were cited in a corresponding European patent application. Reference AA is in English, so no further commentary on its teaching is required. References AB and AC are U.S. patent documents corresponding to reference AE, and reference AD is a U.S. patent corresponding to reference AF.

The filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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